**PATENT** 

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For: WORKFLOW METHOD & SYSTEM THEREFOR

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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## THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.